WASHINGTON (May 1) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) commended area high school students who participated in the annual Congressional Art Competition during a reception held last night at the Hoover Senior Center.

"The creativity and artistic talent displayed by our students is impressive. Imagination and hard work went into each of the entries. The artwork is example of the many positive accomplishments being performed by students in our high schools. We can all be proud of the effort that our students put into their artwork and the guidance provided to them by their teachers," said Congressman Bachus.

High school students from more than 200 congressional districts participate in the annual contest. Students submit artwork through their high schools. The entries are evaluated by an independent board of local judges. The winning submission from each district is displayed in the U.S. Capitol as part of a national exhibit for one year.

The entry selected to represent the Sixth District was submitted by Randi Armstrong, a 12th grade student at St. Clair County High School. It is a charcoal drawing of her dog entitled "My Dachshund." Her art teacher is Mary Morrow. Miss Armstrong will be invited to attend the opening of the national exhibit in Washington, D.C. on June 20.

The following students received special recognition from the judges for their artwork.

Libby Aler, Hoover High School

Randi Armstrong, St. Clair County High School

Laurel Cousins, Shelby County High School

Seline Meisler, Mountain Brook High School
Abigail Celine Moore, Mountain Brook High School
Meredith Shockey, Hoover High School
Bethany Stith, Pelham High School
Ward Taliaferro, Mountain Brook High School
Savannah Vainrib-Rawson, St. Clair County High School
The student artwork has been on display at the Galleria.